



Crop Progress and Condition

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Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.9. Weather conditions continue to be cool and damp. Some pasture growth has been delayed along with fieldwork and crop progress due to the soil conditions. Farming activities for the week included applying nitrogen to wheat, preparing peanut fields, and plowing land for tobacco.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 04/08/18

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	-	8	88	4
Subsoil	-	16	80	4

- Represents zero.

CROP CONDITIONS for week ending 04/08/18

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Barley	-	2	22	70	6
Hay, Alfalfa	-	-	43	57	-
Hay, Other	-	2	44	50	4
Winter Wheat	-	1	17	72	10
Pasture	2	16	45	32	5

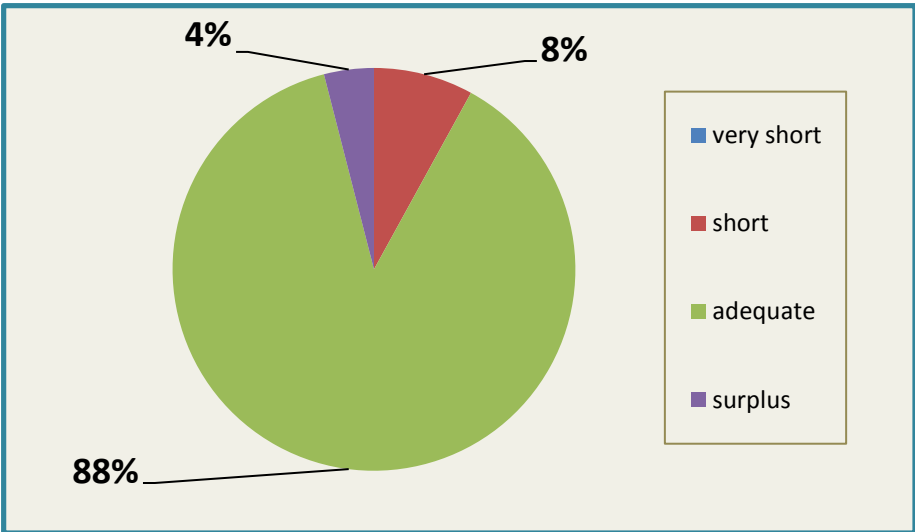
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CROP PROGRESS for week ending 04/08/18

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Corn, planted	3	-	5	-
Potatoes, Summer planted	44	33	48	55
Winter Wheat, headed	1	-	2	1

- Represents data not available.

Topsoil moisture for week ending 04/08/18



Weather Summary- For the week ending April 08, 2018

City	Temperature						Growing degree days (modified base 50)		Precipitation				
	Avg. max.	Avg. min.	High max.	Low min.	Avg.	Avg. dep. from normal *	Mar. 1 to Apr. 7	Mar. 1 to Apr. 7 norm	Last Week	Since Mar. 1	Mar. 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	63	37	71	27	50	-1	133	180	0.19	3.28	-1.33	11.95	0.68
Norfolk	69	44	81	38	56	3	145	200	0.63	4.52	-0.39	9.76	-2.44
Richmond	66	40	79	33	53	0	149	219	0.31	2.64	-2.24	8.49	-2.98
Roanoke	62	39	71	30	51	-1	132	NA	0.20	3.59	-1.07	10.91	-0.11
Wash/Dulles	60	39	71	32	49	0	83	NA	0.15	1.94	-2.37	8.43	-1.72

* Normal based on 1971-2000 data. NA-Not available. Source: NCEP/NOAA Climate Prediction Center <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>. Source: USDA, NASS, Virginia Field Office.

REPORTER COMMENTS BY COUNTY – Comments are based on remarks made by extension agents, farmers, commodity specialists, and other knowledgeable individuals.

NORTHERN

ROCKINGHAM (Doug Horn)

High near 70 on Friday and snow on Saturday. Cool, overcast conditions are slowing the green up and growth of pastures.

LOUDOUN (Jim Hilleary)

Dry conditions, cool ambient and soil temperatures are impacting agronomic production.

WESTERN

ROCKBRIDGE (Thomas Stanley)

The week was cool and mostly dry with 2 inches of snow early Monday morning April 9. Most farmers are current on manure applications and other fieldwork, but cool soil conditions are delaying any early pasture. Most livestock producers are still feeding hay.

BATH/HIGHLAND (John Benner)

Unseasonably cold with some snow flurries. Freezing and thawing.

CENTRAL

CAROLINE (Mike Broaddus)

Due to recent cold weather, soil is still cold and as a result farmers have not started as they normally would have.

APPOMATTOX (Bruce Jones)

Land plowing for tobacco is finally finishing which is much later than normal. Grain farmers are working on equipment and spreading poultry litter.

EASTERN

KING GEORGE (Mike Broaddus)

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CHARLES CITY (Scott Reiter)

Activities for the week included burn down herbicides for corn planting, applying nitrogen to wheat, and tillage for preparing peanut fields. Very little corn has been planted due to cool conditions.

SOUTHWESTERN

CARROLL (Steve Pottorff)

Weather conditions remain colder than normal, and crop progress is slower and later than normal.

GRAYSON (Kevin Spurlin)

Snowy weather and cold temperatures continue to limit spring green-up in most pastures and hay fields.

SCOTT (Scott Jerrell)

Wet weather still continues to make land preparation difficult. Cooler weather is hampering pasture growth, but good greenup has been seen. Strawberries are beginning to set, and estimated ripening will be in 3-4 weeks.

SOUTHEASTERN

PRINCE GEORGE/SURRY/SUSSEX (Scott Reiter)

Activities for the week included burn down herbicides for corn planting, applying nitrogen to wheat, and tillage for preparing peanut fields. Very little corn has been planted due to cool conditions.

GREENSVILLE (Sara Rutherford)

Field prep underway. Burn down starting to show in fields. Pre-planting calculations are being made for seeds per acre.

CHESAPEAKE CITY (Watson Lawrence Jr.)

Fields dried out this week, but the soil is too cold to plant corn. Expecting rain this weekend which may delay corn planting more.